

	Page
Chapter 1 Geotechnical Operations and Administration	1-3
1.1 Scope of Geotechnical Design, Construction, and Maintenance Support	1-3
1.1.1 Geotechnical Design Objectives for Project Definition Phase	1-4
1.1.2 Geotechnical Design Objectives for Project Design Phase	1-4
1.1.3 Geotechnical Design Objectives for PS&E Development Phase	1-4
1.2 Role of Offices Providing In-House Geotechnical Design, Construction, and Maintenance Support	1-5
1.2.1 Lead Role for WSDOT Regarding Geotechnical Policy and Design	1-5
1.2.2 Geotechnical Functions Delegated to the Regions	1-6
1.2.3 Coordination between HQ's and Region Regarding Emergency Response	1-8
1.3 Geotechnical Support within the Managing Project Delivery (MPD) Process	1-9
1.3.1 Initiate and Align	1-9
1.3.2 Plan the Work	1-10
1.3.3 Endorse the Plan	1-10
1.3.4 Work the Plan	1-10
1.3.5 Transition and Closure	1-11
1.3.6 Application of the MPD Process to Construction	1-11
1.3.7 Master Deliverables to be Considered	1-11
1.4 Geotechnical Report Review Process, Certification and Approval Requirements	1-14
1.4.1 Report Certification	1-15
1.4.2 Approval of Reports Produced by the HQ Geotechnical Division	1-15
1.5 Reports Produced by Consultants or other Agencies for WSDOT, and Reports Produced by Design-Builders	1-15
1.6 Geotechnical Consultant Administration	1-16
1.7 Geotechnical Information Provided to Bidders	1-19
1.7.1 Final Geotechnical Project Documentation	1-19
1.7.2 Final Geotechnical Documentation Publication	1-19
1.7.3 Geotechnical Information to be Included as Part of the Contract	1-19
1.8 Sample Retention and Chain of Custody	1-20
1.9 Geotechnical Design Policies and their Basis	1-20
1.10 Geotechnical Construction Support Policies	1-21

	Page
1.11 Geotechnical Construction Submittal Review Policies	1-22
1.11.1 Proprietary Retaining Walls	1-23
1.11.2 Other Construction Submittals (Non-Proprietary walls, Excavation and Shoring, Soldier Piles, Ground Anchors, Shafts, Piles, Ground Improvement, etc.)	1-23
Appendix 1-A Preliminary Geotechnical Engineering Services Scope of Work	1-24
Appendix 1-B Geotechnical Engineering Services Scope of Work for PS&E Level Design	1-26
 Chapter 2 Project Geotechnical Planning	 2-3
2.1 Overview	2-3
2.2 Preliminary Project Planning	2-3
2.2.1 Overview	2-3
2.2.2 Office Review	2-4
2.2.2.1 Site Geology and Seismicity	2-4
2.2.2.2 Previous Site Exploration Data	2-6
2.2.2.3 Previous Site Use	2-7
2.2.2.4 Construction Records	2-7
2.2.3 Site Reconnaissance	2-8
2.2.3.1 General	2-8
2.3 Development of the Subsurface Exploration Plan	2-9
2.3.1 General Considerations for Preparation of the Exploration Plan	2-9
2.3.2 Criteria for Development	2-10
2.3.3 Preparing the Exploration Plan	2-13
2.4 References	2-16
Appendix 2-A Field Exploration Request Form	2-17
FIELD EXPLORATION REQUEST	2-17
 Chapter 3 Field Investigation	 3-3
3.1 Overview	3-3
3.2 Activities and Policies – Before Exploration	3-3
3.3 Activities and Policies – During Exploration	3-4
3.4 Activities and Policies – After Exploration	3-6

	Page
Appendix 3-A Daily Drill Report Form	3-7
Appendix 3-B Field Investigation Best Management Practices for Erosion and Spill Prevention	3-9
 Chapter 4 Soil and Rock Classification and Logging	 4-3
4.1 Overview	4-3
4.2 Soil Classification	4-3
4.2.1 Coarse Grained Soils	4-4
4.2.2 Fine-Grained Inorganic Soils	4-7
4.2.3 Organic Fine Grained Soils	4-7
4.2.4 Angularity	4-10
4.2.5 Consistency and Relative Density	4-11
4.2.6 Color	4-11
4.2.7 Moisture	4-12
4.2.8 Structure	4-12
4.2.9 HCl Reaction	4-12
4.2.10 Test Hole Logging	4-13
4.3 Rock Classification	4-13
4.3.1 Intact Properties	4-13
4.3.1.1 Igneous Rocks	4-14
4.3.1.2 Sedimentary Rocks	4-15
4.3.1.3 Metamorphic Rocks	4-16
4.3.1.4 Rock Color	4-17
4.3.1.5 Grain Size	4-17
4.3.1.6 Weathered State of Rock	4-17
4.3.1.6 Relative Rock Strength	4-18
4.3.1.7 Slaking	4-19
4.3.2 In Situ Properties	4-19
4.3.2.1 Discontinuity Spacing	4-20
4.3.2.2 Discontinuity Condition	4-21
4.3.2.3 Core Recovery (CR)	4-21
4.3.2.4 Rock Quality Designation (RQD)	4-21
4.3.2.5 Fracture Frequency (FF)	4-22
4.3.2.6 Voids	4-22
4.3.3 Test Hole Logging	4-22
4.4 References	4-22

	Page
Chapter 5 Engineering Properties of Soil and Rock	5-3
5.1 Overview	5-3
5.2 Influence of Existing and Future Conditions on Soil and Rock Properties	5-3
5.3 Methods of Determining Soil and Rock Properties	5-4
5.4 In-Situ Field Testing	5-4
5.4.1 Well Pumping Tests	5-6
5.4.2 Packer Permeability Tests	5-6
5.4.3 Seepage Tests	5-6
5.4.4 Slug Tests	5-7
5.4.5 Piezocone Tests	5-7
5.4.6 Flood Tests	5-7
5.5 Laboratory Testing of Soil and Rock	5-8
5.5.1 Quality Control for Laboratory Testing	5-8
5.5.2 Developing the Testing Plan	5-9
5.6 Engineering Properties of Soil	5-10
5.6.1 Laboratory Performance Testing	5-10
5.6.2 Correlations to Estimate Engineering Properties of Soil	5-11
5.7 Engineering Properties of Rock	5-12
5.8 Final Selection of Design Values	5-13
5.8.1 Overview	5-13
5.8.2 Data Reliability and Variability	5-14
5.8.3 Final Property Selection	5-15
5.8.4 Development of the Subsurface Profile	5-16
5.8.5 Selection of Design Properties for Engineered Materials	5-17
5.9 Properties of Predominant Geologic Units in Washington	5-19
5.9.1 Loess	5-19
5.9.2 Peat/Organic Soils	5-21
5.9.3 Glacial Till and Glacial Advance Outwash	5-21
5.9.4 Colluvium/Talus	5-22
5.9.5 Columbia River Sand	5-23
5.9.6 Columbia Basin Basalts	5-23
5.9.7 Latah Formation	5-24
5.9.8 Seattle Clay	5-24
5.9.9 Bellingham Glaciomarine Drift	5-26
5.9.10 Coastal Range Siltstone/Claystone	5-27
5.9.11 Troutdale Formation	5-27

	Page
5.9.12 Marine Basalts - Crescent Formation	5-27
5.9.13 Mélange Rocks on Olympic Peninsula	5-28
5.10 References	5-28
Chapter 6 Seismic Design	6-3
6.1 Seismic Design Responsibility and Policy	6-3
6.1.1 Responsibility of the Geotechnical Designer	6-3
6.1.2 Geotechnical Seismic Design Policies	6-3
6.1.2.1 Seismic Performance Objectives	6-3
6.1.2.2 Maximum Considered Depth for Liquefaction	6-4
6.1.3 Governing Design Specifications and Additional Resources	6-5
6.2 Geotechnical Seismic Design Considerations	6-6
6.2.1 Overview	6-6
6.2.2 Site Characterization	6-6
6.2.3 Information for Structural Design	6-13
6.3 Design Code Based Seismic Hazard and Site Response	6-13
6.3.1 Determination of Seismic Hazard Level	6-14
6.3.2 2004 AASHTO Site Response	6-16
6.3.3 2003 IBC for Site Response	6-16
6.3.4 Bedrock versus Ground Surface Acceleration	6-17
6.3.5 Earthquake Magnitude	6-19
6.4 Input for Structural Design	6-19
6.4.1 Foundation Springs	6-19
6.4.1.1 Shallow Foundations	6-19
6.4.1.2 Deep Foundations	6-20
6.4.2 Earthquake Induced Earth Pressures on Retaining Structures	6-20
6.4.3 Downdrag Loads on Structures	6-20
6.4.4 Lateral Spread / Slope Failure Loads on Structures	6-20
6.4.4.1 Displacement Based Approach	6-20
6.4.4.2 Force Based Approaches	6-21;
6.4.4.3 Mitigation Alternatives	6-22
6.5 Seismic Geologic Hazards	6-23
6.5.1 Fault Rupture	6-23
6.5.2 Liquefaction	6-24
6.5.2.1 Methods to Evaluate Liquefaction Potential	6-26
6.5.2.2 Minimum Factor of Safety Against Liquefaction	6-29
6.5.2.3 Liquefaction Induced Settlement	6-29
6.5.2.4 Residual Strength Parameters	6-32

	Page
6.5.2.5 Flow Failures and Lateral Spreading	6-32
6.5.3 Slope Instability	6-33
6.5.3.1 Pseudo-static Analysis	6-33
6.5.3.2 Deformations	6-33
6.5.4 Settlement of Dry Sand	6-37
6.6 References	6-37
Appendix 6-A Site Specific Seismic Hazard and Site Response	6-41
6-A.1 Background Information for Performing Site Specific Analysis	6-41
6-A.1.1 Regional Tectonics	6-41
6-A.2 Design Earthquake Magnitude	6-43
6-A.3 Probabilistic and Deterministic Seismic Hazard Analyses	6-44
6-A.4 Selection of Attenuation Relationships	6-45
6-A.5 Site Specific Response Analysis	6-45
6-A.5.1 Design/Computer Models	6-45
6-A.5.2 Input Parameters for Site Specific Response Analysis	6-46
Chapter 7 Slope Stability Analysis	7-3
7.1 Overview	7-3
7.2 Development of Design Parameters and Other Input Data for Slope Stability Analysis	7-3
7.3 Design Requirements	7-4
7.4 References	7-6
Chapter 8 Foundation Design	8-5
8.1 Overview	8-5
8.2 Overall Design Process for Structure Foundations	8-5
8.3 Data Needed for Foundation Design	8-7
8.3.1 Field Exploration Requirements for Foundations	8-10
8.3.2 Laboratory and Field Testing Requirements for Foundations	8-13
8.4 Foundation Selection Considerations	8-13
8.5 Overview of LRFD for Foundations	8-14

	Page
8.6 LRFD Loads, Load Groups and Limit States to be Considered	8-16
8.6.1 Foundation Analysis to Establish Load Distribution for Structure	8-16
8.6.2 Downdrag Loads	8-17
8.6.3 Uplift Loads due to Expansive Soils	8-20
8.6.4 Soil Loads on Buried Structures	8-21
8.6.5 Service Limit States	8-21
8.6.5.1 Tolerable Movements	8-21
8.6.5.2 Overall Stability	8-23
8.6.5.3 Abutment Transitions	8-24
8.6.6 Strength Limit States	8-25
8.6.6.1 Spread Footings	8-25
8.6.6.2 Driven Piles	8-26
8.6.6.3 Drilled Shafts	8-26
8.6.7 Extreme Event Limit States	8-27
8.7 Resistance Factors for Foundation Design – Design Parameters	8-27
8.8 Resistance Factors for Foundation Design – Service Limit States	8-27
8.9 Resistance Factors for Foundation Design – Strength Limit States	8-27
8.9.1 Resistance Factor Considerations for Spread Footings	8-32
8.9.2 Resistance Factor Considerations for Driven Piles	8-33
8.9.3 Resistance Factor Considerations for Drilled Shafts	8-36
8.10 Resistance Factors for Foundation Design – Extreme Event Limit States	8-38
8.10.1 Scour	8-38
8.10.2 Other Extreme Event Limit States	8-38
8.11 Spread Footing Design	8-39
8.11.1 Loads and Load Factor Application to Footing Design	8-40
8.11.2 General Footing Design Considerations	8-42
8.11.2.1 Footing Bearing Depth	8-43
8.11.2.2 Effective Footing Dimensions	8-44
8.11.2.3 Bearing Stress Distributions	8-45
8.11.2.4 Inclined Footings on Rock	8-45
8.11.2.5 Groundwater Effects	8-45
8.11.2.6 Nearby Structures	8-45
8.11.3 Service Limit State Design of Footings	8-45
8.11.3.1 Applicable Loads	8-46
8.11.3.2 Settlement Analyses	8-46
8.11.3.2.1 Settlement of Footings on Cohesionless Soils	8-48
8.11.3.2.2 Settlement of Footings on Cohesive Soils	8-52
8.11.3.2.3 Settlement of Footings on Rock	8-58

	Page
8.11.3.2.4 Bearing Resistance at the Service Limit State Using Presumptive Values	8-60
8.11.4 Strength Limit State Design of Footings	8-61
8.11.4.1 Bearing Resistance of Footings on Soil	8-62
8.11.4.1.1 Theoretical Estimation of Bearing Resistance	8-63
8.11.4.1.1(a) Considerations for Punching Shear	8-68
8.11.4.1.1(b) Considerations for Footings on Slopes	8-69
8.11.4.1.1(c) Considerations for Two Layer Soil Systems – Critical Depth	8-72
8.11.4.1.1(d) Considerations for Two Layer Soil Systems – Undrained Loading	8-72
8.11.4.1.1(e) Considerations for Two Layer Soil Systems – Drained Loading	8-75
8.11.4.1.2 Semi-Empirical Estimation of Bearing Resistance	8-75
8.11.4.1.3 Plate Load Tests for Determination of Bearing Resistance in Soil	8-76
8.11.4.2 Bearing Resistance of Footings on Rock	8-77
8.11.4.2.1 Semi-Empirical Methods for Bearing on Rock	8-77
8.11.4.2.2 Analytic Method for Bearing on Rock	8-77
8.11.4.2.3 Load Test for Bearing on Rock	8-78
8.11.4.3 Strength Limit State Design of Footings for Load Eccentricity	8-78
8.11.4.4 Design of Footings to Resist Failure by Sliding	8-78
8.11.5 Extreme Event Limit State Design of Footings	8-80
8.12 Driven Pile Foundation Design	8-81
8.12.1 Loads and Load Factor Application to Driven Pile Design	8-83
8.12.2 General Considerations for Pile Foundation Geotechnical Design	8-85
8.12.2.1 Driven Pile Sizes and Maximum Resistances	8-86
8.12.2.2 Minimum Pile Spacing	8-86
8.12.2.3 Piles Through Embankment Fill	8-87
8.12.2.4 Nearby Structures	8-87
8.12.2.5 Determination of Pile Lateral Resistance	8-87
8.12.2.6 Batter Piles	8-89
8.12.3 Service Limit State Design of Pile Foundations	8-89
8.12.3.1 Settlement	8-90
8.12.3.2 Overall Stability	8-93
8.12.3.3 Horizontal Pile Foundation Movement	8-93
8.12.3.4 Settlement Due to Downdrag	8-94
8.12.3.5 Lateral Squeeze	8-94
8.12.4 Strength Limit State Geotechnical Design of Pile Foundations	8-94
8.12.4.1 Point Bearing Piles on Rock	8-95
8.12.4.1.1 Piles Driven to Soft Rock	8-95
8.12.4.1.2 Piles Driven to Hard Rock	8-95
8.12.4.2 Prediction of Pile Length for the Contract-Required Nominal Axial Resistance	8-96

	Page
8.12.4.3 Nominal Axial Resistance Change after Pile Driving	8-97
8.12.4.3.1 Relaxation	8-97
8.12.4.3.2 Setup	8-98
8.12.4.4 Buoyancy	8-98
8.12.4.5 Scour	8-98
8.12.4.6 Downdrag	8-100
8.12.4.7 Determination of Nominal Axial Pile Resistance in Compression	8-102
8.12.4.7.1 Static Load Test	8-102
8.12.4.7.2 Dynamic Testing	8-105
8.12.4.7.3 Wave Equation Analysis	8-106
8.12.4.7.4 Dynamic Formula	8-107
8.12.4.7.5 Static Analysis	8-109
8.12.4.7.5(a) α -Method	8-110
8.12.4.7.5(b) β -Method	8-110
8.12.4.7.5(c) λ -Method	8-110
8.12.4.7.5(d) Tip Resistance in Cohesive Soils	8-111
8.12.4.7.5(e) Nordlund/Thurman Method in Cohesionless Soils	8-111
8.12.4.7.5(f) Using SPT or CPT in Cohesionless Soils	8-111
8.12.4.8 Resistance of Pile Groups in Compression	8-112
8.12.4.9 Uplift Resistance of Single Piles	8-114
8.12.4.10 Uplift Resistance of Pile Groups	8-114
8.12.4.11 Nominal Horizontal Resistance of Pile Foundations	8-116
8.12.5 Extreme Event Limit State Design of Pile Foundations	8-117
8.12.6 Determination of Minimum Pile Penetration	8-119
8.12.7 Determination of Rndr Used to Establish Contract Driving Criteria for Bearing	8-120
8.12.8 Pile Drivability Analysis	8-120
8.12.9 Test Piles	8-122
 8.13 Drilled Shaft Foundation Design	 8-122
8.13.1 Loads and Load Factor Application to Drilled Shaft Design	8-124
8.13.2 General Considerations for Drilled Shaft Geotechnical Design	8-124
8.13.2.1 Drilled Shaft Resistance	8-124
8.13.2.2 Effect of Drilled Shaft Installation Technique on Resistance	8-125
8.13.2.3 Shaft Spacing	8-125
8.13.2.4 Shaft Diameter and Enlarged Bases	8-126
8.13.2.5 Battered Shafts	8-126
8.13.2.6 Nearby Structures	8-127
8.13.3 Service Limit State Design of Drilled Shafts	8-127
8.13.3.1 Settlement	8-127
8.13.3.1.1 Settlement of Single Shafts	8-127
8.13.3.1.2 Settlement of Shafts in Intermediate Geomaterials (IGM's)	8-132
8.13.3.1.3 Settlement of Shaft Groups	8-132

	Page
8.13.3.2 Horizontal Movement of Shafts and Shaft Groups	8-133
8.13.3.3 Overall Stability	8-133
8.12.3.4 Settlement Due to Downdrag	8-133
8.13.3.5 Lateral Squeeze	8-133
8.13.4 Strength Limit State Geotechnical Design of Drilled Shafts	8-133
8.13.4.1 Groundwater Table and Buoyancy	8-133
8.13.4.2 Scour	8-133
8.13.4.3 Downdrag	8-134
8.13.4.4 Nominal Axial Bearing Resistance of Single Drilled Shafts	8-134
8.13.4.4.1 Estimation of Drilled Shaft Resistance in Cohesive Soils	8-135
8.13.4.4.1(a) Side Resistance in Cohesive Soils	8-135
8.13.4.4.1(b) Tip Resistance in Cohesive Soils	8-137
8.13.4.4.2 Estimation of Drilled Shaft Resistance in Cohesionless Soils	8-137
8.13.4.4.2(a) Side Resistance in Cohesionless Soils	8-137
8.13.4.4.2(b) Tip Resistance in Cohesionless Soils	8-139
8.13.4.4.3 Shafts in Strong Soil Overlying Weaker Compressible Soil	8-139
8.13.4.4.4 Estimation of Drilled Shaft Resistance in Rock	8-139
8.13.4.4.4(a) Side Resistance in Rock	8-140
8.13.4.4.4(b) Tip Resistance in Rock	8-141
8.13.4.4.4(c) Combined Side and Tip Resistance in Rock	8-142
8.13.4.4.5 Estimation of Drilled Shaft Resistance in Intermediate Geomaterials (IGM's)	8-143
8.13.4.4.6 Estimation of Drilled Shaft Resistance Using Load Tests	8-143
8.13.4.5 Shaft Group Resistance	8-144
8.13.4.5.1 Shaft Groups in Cohesive Soil	8-145
8.13.4.5.2 Shaft Groups in Cohesionless Soil	8-145
8.13.4.6 Shaft Uplift Resistance	8-145
8.13.4.6.1 Uplift Resistance of Single Shafts	8-145
8.13.4.6.2 Uplift Resistance of Shaft Groups	8-147
8.13.4.6.3 Load test for Shaft Uplift Resistance	8-147
8.13.4.7 Nominal Horizontal Resistance of Shaft and Shaft Group Foundations	8-147
8.13.5 Extreme Event Limit State Design of Drilled Shafts	8-148
8.14 Micropiles	8-148
8.15 Proprietary Foundation Systems	8-148
8.16 Detention Vaults	8-149
8.16.1 Overview	8-149
8.16.2 Field Investigation Requirements	8-149
8.16.3 Design Requirements	8-150
References	8-150
Appendix 8-A Approved Proprietary Foundation Systems	8-157

	Page
Chapter 9 Embankments	9-3
9.1 Overview and Data Needed	9-3
9.1.1 Site Reconnaissance	9-3
9.1.2 Field Exploration and Laboratory Testing Requirements	9-3
9.1.3 Soil Sampling and Stratigraphy	9-5
9.1.4 Groundwater	9-6
9.2 Design Considerations	9-7
9.2.1 Typical Embankment Materials and Compaction	9-7
9.2.1.1 Rock Embankments	9-7
9.2.1.2 Earth Embankments and Bridge Approach Embankments	9-8
9.2.1.3 Fill Placement Below Water	9-9
9.2.2 Embankments for Detention/Retention Facilities	9-9
9.2.3 Stability Assessment	9-9
9.2.3.1 Safety Factors	9-10
9.2.3.2 Strength Parameters	9-10
9.2.4 Embankment Settlement Assessment	9-11
9.2.4.1 Settlement Impacts	9-11
9.2.4.2 Settlement Analysis	9-11
9.2.4.2.1 Primary Consolidation	9-11
9.2.4.2.2 Secondary Compression	9-12
9.2.4.3 Stress Distribution	9-12
9.2.4.3.1 Simple 2V:1H Method	9-13
9.2.4.3.2 Theory of Elasticity	9-13
9.2.4.3.3 Empirical Charts	9-14
9.2.4.3.4 Rate of Settlement	9-15
9.2.4.4 Analytical Tools	9-16
9.3 Stability Mitigation	9-16
9.3.1 Staged Construction	9-16
9.3.1.1 Design Parameters	9-18
9.3.1.2 In-Situ Shear Strength and Determination of Stability Assuming Undrained Loading	9-18
9.3.1.3 Total Stress Analysis	9-20
9.3.1.4 Effective Stress Analysis	9-23
9.3.2 Base reinforcement	9-26
9.3.3 Ground Improvement	9-27
9.3.4 Lightweight Fills	9-27
9.3.4.1 Geofoam	9-28
9.3.4.2 Lightweight Aggregates	9-28
9.3.4.3 Wood Fiber	9-28
9.3.4.4 Scrap (Rubber) Tires	9-28
9.3.4.5 Light Weight Cellular Concrete	9-29
9.3.4.6 Toe Berms and Shear keys	9-29

	Page
9.4 Settlement Mitigation	9-29
9.4.1 Acceleration Using Wick Drains	9-29
9.4.2 Acceleration Using Surcharges	9-30
9.4.3 Lightweight Fills	9-31
9.4.4 Over-excavation	9-31
9.5 Construction Considerations and PS&E Development	9-31
9.5.1 Settlement and Pore Pressure Monitoring	9-32
9.5.2 Instrumentation	9-32
9.5.2.1 Piezometers	9-32
9.5.2.2 Instrumentation for Settlement	9-33
9.5.2.2.1 Settlement Plates	9-33
9.5.2.2.2 Pneumatic Settlement Cells	9-33
9.5.2.2.3 Sondex System	9-33
9.5.2.2.4 Horizontal Inclinator	9-34
9.5.3 PS&E Considerations	9-34
9.5.4 PS&E Checklist	9-34
9.6 References	9-34
Appendix 9-A Examples Illustrating Staged Fill Construction Design	9-37
9-A.1 Problem Setup	9-37
9-A-2 Determination of Maximum Stable First Stage Fill Height	9-39
9-A.2 Total Stress Analysis Procedure Example	9-39
9-A.3 Effective Stress Analysis Procedure Example	9-45
Chapter 10 Soil Cut Design	10-3
10.1 Overview and Data Acquisition	10-3
10.1.1 Overview	10-3
10.1.2 Site Reconnaissance	10-3
10.1.3 Field Exploration	10-4
10.1.3.1 Test Borings	10-4
10.1.3.2 Sampling	10-4
10.1.3.3 Groundwater Measurement	10-5
10.1.4 Laboratory Testing	10-5
10.2 Overall Design Considerations	10-6
10.2.1 Overview	10-6
10.2.2 Design Parameters	10-7
10.3 Soil Cut Design	10-7
10.3.1 Design Approach and Methodology	10-7

	Page
10.3.2 Seepage Analysis and Impact on Design	10-9
10.3.3 Drainage Considerations and Design	10-9
10.3.4 Stability Improvement Techniques	10-10
10.3.5 Erosion and Piping Considerations	10-11
10.4 Use of Excavated Materials	10-12
10.5 Special Considerations for Loess	10-13
10.6 PS&E Considerations	10-20
10.7 References	10-20
Appendix 10-A Washington State Department of Transportation Loess Slope Design Checklist	10-23
Chapter 11 Ground Improvement	11-3
11.1 Overview	11-3
11.2 Development of Design Parameters and Other Input Data for Ground Improvement Analysis	11-3
11.3 Design Requirements	11-4
11.4 References	11-5
Chapter 12 Rock Cut Design	12-3
12.1 Overview	12-3
12.2 Development of Design Parameters and Other Input Data for Rock Cut Stability Analysis	12-3
12.3 Design Requirements	12-3
12.4 References	12-3

	Page
Chapter 13 Landslide Analysis and Mitigation	13-3
13.1 Overview	13-3
13.2 Development of Design Parameters and Other Input Data for Landslide Analysis	13-3
13.3 Design Requirements	13-3
13.4 References	13-3
 Chapter 14 Unstable Rockslope Analysis and Mitigation	 14-3
14.1 Overview	14-3
14.2 Development of Design Parameters and Other Input Data for Unstable Rockslope Analysis	 14-3
14.3 Design Requirements	14-3
14.4 References	14-3
 Chapter 15 Abutments, Retaining Walls, and Reinforced Slopes	 15-5
15.1 Introduction	15-5
15.2 Definitions	15-6
15.3 Required Information	15-7
15.3.1 Site Data and Permits	15-7
15.3.2 Geotechnical Data Needed for Retaining Wall and Reinforced Slope Design	15-7
15.3.3 Site Reconnaissance	15-9
15.3.4 Field Exploration Requirements	15-10
15.3.4.1 Exploration Type, Depth, and Spacing	15-11
15.3.4.2 Walls and Slopes Requiring Additional Exploration	15-12
15.3.4.2.1 Soil Nail Walls	15-12
15.3.4.2.2 Walls with Ground Anchors or Deadmen Anchors	15-12
15.3.4.2.3 Wall or Slopes with Steep Back Slopes or Steep Toe Slopes	15-12
15.3.5 Field, Laboratory, and Geophysical Testing for Abutments, Retaining Walls, and Reinforced Slopes	 15-13
15.3.6 Groundwater	15-14
15.4 General Design Requirements	15-14
15.4.1 Design Methods	15-14
15.4.2 Special Requirements	15-15

	Page
15.6.3.1 Fill Applications	15-49
15.6.3.1.1 MSE Walls	15-49
15.6.3.1.2 Prefabricated Modular Block Walls	15-49
15.6.3.2 Common Cut Applications	15-50
15.6.3.2.1 Trench Boxes	15-50
15.6.3.2.2 Sheet Piling	15-50
15.6.3.2.3 Soldier Piles	15-51
15.6.3.2.4 Modular Block Walls	15-52
15.6.3.2.5 Braced Cuts	15-52
15.6.3.2.6 Soil Nail Walls	15-52
15.6.3.3 Uncommon Shoring Systems for Cut Applications	15-53
15.6.3.3.1 Diaphragm/Slurry Walls	15-53
15.6.3.3.2 Secant Pile Walls	15-53
15.6.3.3.3 Cellular Cofferdams	15-54
15.6.3.3.4 Frozen Soil Walls (Ground Freezing)	15-54
15.6.3.3.5 Deep Soil Mixing	15-55
15.6.3.3.6 Permeation Grouting	15-55
15.6.3.3.7 Jet Grouting	15-56
15.6.4 Geotechnical Data Needed for Design	15-56
15.6.5 Factors Influencing Choice of Temporary Shoring	15-56
15.6.5.1 Application	15-57
15.6.5.2 Cut/fill Height	15-57
15.6.5.3 Soil Conditions	15-57
15.6.5.3.1 Dense Soils and Obstructions	15-57
15.6.5.3.2 Caving Conditions	15-57
15.6.5.3.3 Permeability	15-57
15.6.5.3.4 Bottom Heave and Piping	15-58
15.6.5.3.5 High Locked in Lateral Stresses	15-58
15.6.5.3.6 Compressible Soils	15-58
15.6.5.4 Groundwater	15-58
15.6.5.5 Space Limitations	15-58
15.6.5.6 Adjacent Infrastructure	15-59
15.6.6 General Design Considerations	15-59
15.6.6.1 Design Approach/Resistance Factors	15-59
15.6.6.2 Design Loads	15-60
15.6.7 Construction Considerations	15-60
15.7 References	15-60
Appendices	
15-A Preapproved Proprietary Wall and Reinforced General Design Requirements	15-A
15-B Preapproved Proprietary Wall/Reinforced Slope Design and Construction Review Checklist	15-B

	Page
15-C HITEC Earth Retaining Systems Evaluation for MSE Wall and Reinforced Slope Systems, as Modified for WSDOT Use: Submittal Requirements	15-C
15-D Preapproved Proprietary Wall Systems	15-D
Preapproved Wall Appendix: Specific Requirements and Details for LB Foster Retained Earth Concrete Panel Walls	15-1
Preapproved Wall Appendix: Specific Requirements and Details for Eureka Reinforced Soil Concrete Panel Walls	15-11
Preapproved Wall Appendix: Specific Requirements and Details for Hilfiker Welded Wire Faced Walls	15-15
Preapproved Wall Appendix: Specific Requirements and Details for KeySystem I Walls	15-21
Preapproved Wall Appendix: Specific Requirements and Details for Tensar MESA Walls	15-31
Preapproved Wall Appendix: Specific Requirements and Details for T-WALL® (The Neel Company)	15-51
Preapproved Wall Appendix: Specific Requirements and Details for Reinforced Earth (RECO) Concrete Panel Walls	15-67
Preapproved Wall Appendix: Specific Requirements and Details for SSL Concrete Panel Walls	15-117
Preapproved Wall Appendix: Specific Requirements and Details for Tensar ARES Walls	15-125
Preapproved Wall Appendix: Specific Requirements and Details for Nelson Walls	15-145
Chapter 16 Geosynthetic Design	16-3
16.1 Overview	16-3
16.2 Development of Design Parameters for Geosynthetic Application	16-3
16.3 Design Requirements	16-4
16.4 References	16-4

	Page
Chapter 17 Foundation Design for Signals, Signs, Noise Barriers, Culverts, and Buildings	17-3
17.1 General	17-3
17.1.1 Overview	17-3
17.1.2 Site Reconnaissance	17-3
17.1.3 Field Investigation	17-3
17.2 Foundation Design Requirements for Cantilever Signals, Strain Poles, Cantilever Signs, Sign Bridges, and Luminares - General	17-6
17.2.1 Design by Correlation for Cantilever Signals, Strain Poles, Cantilever Signs, Sign Bridges, and Luminares	17-6
17.2.2 Special Design for Cantilever Signals, Strain Poles, Cantilever Signs, Sign Bridges, and Luminares	17-9
17.2.3 Cantilever Signals and Strain Pole Standards	17-9
17.2.3.1 Overview	17-9
17.2.3.2 Standard Foundation Designs	17-10
17.2.3.3 Construction Considerations	17-10
17.2.4 Cantilever and Sign Bridges	17-10
17.2.4.1 Overview	17-10
17.2.4.2 Standard Foundation Designs	17-11
17.2.4.3 Construction Considerations	17-11
17.2.5 Luminares (Light Standards)	17-12
17.2.5.1 Overview	17-12
17.2.5.2 Standard Foundation Design	17-12
17.2.5.3 Construction Considerations	17-12
17.3 Noise Barriers	17-12
17.3.1 Overview	17-12
17.3.4 Foundation Design Requirements for Noise Barriers	17-12
17.3.4.1 Spread Footings	17-13
17.3.4.2 Shaft Foundations	17-14
17.3.4.3 Non-Standard Foundation Design	17-16
17.3.3 Construction Considerations	17-17
17.4 Culverts	17-17
17.4.1 Overview	17-17
17.4.2 Culvert Design and Construction Considerations	17-17
17.5 Buildings	17-18
17.5.1 Overview	17-18
17.5.2 Design Requirement for Buildings	17-18
17.6 References	17-21

	Page
Chapter 18 Geotechnical Design for Marine Structure Foundations	18-3
18.1 Overview	18-3
18.2 References	18-3
 Chapter 19 Infiltration Facility Design	 19-3
19.1 Overview	19-3
19.2 Geotechnical Investigation and Design for Infiltration Facilities	19-3
19.3 References	19-3
 Chapter 20 Unstable Slope Management	 20-3
20.1 Overview	20-3
20.2 References	20-3
 Chapter 21 Materials Source Investigation and Report	 21-3
21.1 Overview	21-3
21.2 Material Source Geotechnical Investigation	21-3
21.3 Materials Source Report	21-6
 Chapter 22 Geotechnical Baseline Reports Produced for Design-Build Projects	 22-3
22.1 Definition	22-3
22.2 Policy – Field Investigation Requirements for the GBR	22-3
22.3 Policy – Level of Geotechnical Design and GBR Contents in Consideration of Risk Mitigation	22-6
22.4 Policy – Geotechnical Investigation During RFP Advertisement	22-7
22.5 Discussion	22-7
Appendix 22-A Example Supplemental Geotechnical Boring Program Provisions	22-9

Chapter 23	Geotechnical Reporting and Documentation	Page
23.1	Overview and General Requirements	23-3
23.2	Report Certification and General Format	23-3
23.2	Geotechnical Division Report Content Requirements	23-10
23.2.1	Conceptual or Preliminary Level Geotechnical Reports	23-10
23.2.2	Final Geotechnical Design Reports	23-11
23.2.3	Special Reporting Requirements for LRFD Foundation and Wall Designs	23-14
23.2.3.1	Footings	23-14
23.2.3.2	Drilled Shafts	23-16
23.2.3.3	Piles	23-18
23.2.3.4	Retaining Walls	23-20
23.3	Information to Be Provided in the Geotechnical Design File	23-24
23.3.1	Documentation for Conceptual Level Geotechnical Design	23-25
23.3.2	Documentation for Final Geotechnical Design	23-25
23.3.3	Geotechnical File Contents	23-26
23.4	Consultant Geotechnical Reports and Documentation Produced on Behalf of WSDOT	23-27
23.5	Summary of Geotechnical Conditions	23-27
Appendix 23-A	PS&E Review Checklist	23-31
Appendix 23-B	Typical Design Cross-Section for a Deep Foundation	23-37

